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OFFICERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Moderator.

SAMUEL PALMER.

Town Clerk.

ENOCH J. TILTON.

Representative.

EMERY BATCHELDER.

Selectmen.

WARREN BROWN.
EDWIN JANVRIN.
EDWIN PRESCOTT.

Superintending School Committee.

* WILLIAM A. CRAM.

Auditors.

JAMES D. BROWN.
NATHAN H. ROBIE.
JOHN N. SANBORN.

Collector.

SILAS GREEN.

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* Appointed by Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE Selectmen in account current from March 1, 1869, to March 1, 1870, with the Town of Hampton Falls.

Dr.

To balance brought forward from last year,	$636 10
Cash from State Treasurer, for R. R. Tax,	540 19
" " " " Savings Bank Tax,	57 67
" " " " Literary Fund,	21 40
" County Treasurer, allowance for County Paupers,	77 00
" J. H. Gove, on Note,	900 00
Silas Green, Collector,	4,978 89
Received of Simon N. Dearborn,	1,500 00
	$8,711 25

Cr.

By cash paid for State Tax,		$1,302 00
" " County Tax,		774 22
" " Support of Schools,	(A)	571 40
" " School-house Tax,	(B)	105 00
" " Support of Poor,	(C)	177 61
" " Roads and Bridges,	(D)	754 06
" " Incidentals,	(E)	401 42
" " Abatements,	(F)	65 22
" " Town Indebtedness,	(G)	4,305 74
" " Balance in favor of Town,		254 58
		$8,711 25

[A.]

Support of Schools.

Paid	Edwin Janvrin, for District No. 1,	$212 00
	John C. Sanborn, for District No. 2,	154 08
	Nathan H. Robie, for District No. 3,	205 32
		$571 40

[B.]

School-house Tax.

Paid	Nathan H. Robie, School-house tax in District No. 3,	$105 00

[C.]

Support of Poor.

Paid	Charles A. Nason, for boarding and clothing Mary E. Prescott, from April 12, 1869, to September 12, 1869,	$15 00
	Nursing and funeral expenses of Isaiah Page,	20 50
	Dr. C. H. Sanborn, for medical attendance on Isaiah Page,	17 80
	Charles Chase, house rent for Mrs. Page, one year, ending March 1, 1870,	15 00
	Wood delivered to Mrs. Page,	31 50
	Sawing wood for Mrs. Page,	6 75
	Nursing Mrs. Page,	9 00
	E. J. Tilton, supplies delivered to Mrs. Page,	31 06
	For transient paupers,	31 00
		$177 61

[D.]

Roads and Bridges.

Paid John T. Batchelder, for land and damage, and for building new road and bridge, as laid out by Selectmen in 1867,	$500 00
For railing new road and bridge,	165 00
James Brown, for labor on Dodge's bridge,	6 00
Warren B. Pervear, labor in District No. 8,	3 50
Ezra C. Fogg, " " No. 9,	3 60
Edwin Janvrin, 743 feet plank for Bennett's bridge,	15 31
" " repairs on Smith's bridge,	1 50
" " " " Mill bridge,	3 00
John T. Batchelder, for 100 loads gravel,	10 00
Edwin Prescott, labor on bridge,	2 50
W. W. Curtis, " "	2 00
Charles C. Gove, labor on Perkins bridge,	1 75
W. B. Pervear, making snow path,	3 00
W. W. Curtis, " " "	3 00
Chevey P. Chase, " " "	1 05
James Truesdale, " " "	4 20
George L. Brown, " " "	7 20
J. L. Chase, " " "	3 45
H. W. Crosby, " " "	18 00
	$754 06

[E.]

Incidentals.

Paid C. T. Brown, expenses of Auditors, Feb. 22, 1869,	$3 00
A. J. Hoyt, printing town accounts for the year ending March 1, 1869,	28 00
John C. Akerman, for collecting taxes in 1868,	55 00

Charles Perkins, for damage to team on depot road, March, 1869,	9 00
For Invoice Book and 2 Town Officers,	12 50
For Stamps and Stationery for use of Town,	7 50
C. H. & C. U. Bell, for services in defending the Town, and for term fees in suit of Janvrin *vs.* Town,	88 00
Dr. J. Dearborn, for service rendered at post-mortem examination on Elijah P. McQuillan,	5 00
William A. Cram, services as Sup. Com.,	15 00
Nathan H. Robie, for use of Christian Chapel,	14 00
Nathan H. Robie, plow broken on road,	2 50
Warren Brown, services as Selectman,	50 00
Edwin Janvrin, " "	25 00
Edwin Prescott, " "	15 00
Dr. C. H. Sanborn, recording births and deaths,	2 00
E. J. Tilton, services as Town Clerk,	19 92
Silas Green, collecting taxes in 1869,	50 00
	$401 42

[F.]

Abatements.

Daniel Pervear, on land not owned,	$1 80
D. Gove, on marsh over-taxed,	40
R. C. Sanborn, on Bellows wood in 1866,	1 16
Samuel Cochran, on marsh,	69
Moses C. Adams' tax in 1868,	4 52
Benjamin Brown's " "	4 32
Samuel McIlvene's " "	3 12

Richard Thompson's poll tax in 1868,	3 00
James D. Janvrin's " " "	3 00
James Janvrin's " " "	3 00
James McWhirtir's " " "	3 00
Elijah P. McQuillan " " "	3 00
Non-resident highway tax in labor,	34 21
	$65 22

[G].

Town Indebtedness.

Paid Town Bond, No. 1,	$1,000 00
" " " 2,	1,000 00
" " " 3,	500 00
" " " 7,	300 00
Coupons,	350 00
L. Jenness, note and interest,	257 72
Interest on J. Wilson's note to January 19, 1870,	36 00
Interest on J. T. Brown's note to March 19, 1870,	30 00
Interest on J. H. Gove's note to May 4, 1869,	30 00
John H. Gove's interest,	112 72
Newell Locke's note and interest,	553 11
Martha A. Dow's note and interest,	136 19
	$4,305 74

WARREN BROWN,
EDWIN JANVRIN,
EDWIN PRESCOTT,
Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1870, and find them

well vouched and correctly cast, and a balance of two hundred and fifty-four dollars and fifty-eight cents in favor of the Town.

J. D. BROWN,
N. H. ROBIE,
J. N. SANBORN,
Auditors.

Town Debts, March 1st, 1870.

Date.	No. on Bond.	To whom payable.	Amount.	Rate.	When due.	To what date Interest is paid.
	13	D. Perkins	$500 00	5	1874	Sept. 1, 1869.
	14	D. Perkins	500 00	5	1874	Sept. 1, 1869.
	20	J. N. Healey	500 00	5	1877	Sept. 1, 1869.
	21	J. N. Healey	500 00	5	1878	Sept. 1, 1869.
	22	J. H. Gove	500 00	5	1879	March 1, 1870.
	26	J. H. Gove	200 00	5	1881	March 1, 1870.
March 1, 1870	Notes.	J. H. Gove	5,000 00	6		
August 1, 1869	"	S. N. Dearborn	1,500 00	6		
Sept. 5, 1864	"	Lorana Brown	400 00	6	$10 paid Oct. 31, 1867.	
January 19, 1865	"	J. Wilson	600 00	6	Interest paid to Jan. 19, 1870.	
March 19, 1866	"	J. T. Brown	500 00	6	" "	Mar. 19, 1869.

Unpaid interest to March 1, 1870,	$272 51
	$10,972 51
Less by cash on hand,	254 58
Total debt,	$10,717 93
Debt last year,	11,561 01
Debt reduced,	$843 08

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As Superintending Committee of the public schools in Hampton Falls, I offer the following report, for the year ending March, 1870: —

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee,

Mr. Edwin Janvrin.

The summer and winter terms in this district were taught by Miss Nellie Thompson, of Epping.

There were many difficulties to overcome before this school could be brought into a good working condition. Very quietly the teacher removed all obstacles in the way of the school's progress. When visiting this school, I continually wondered at the complete order so persistently maintained without show or noise on the part of the teacher. She held all in obedience by the irresistible power of a determined purpose and continued kindness. So completely did she gain the good-will of the scholars, that their only fear seemed to be that they might not please their teacher. Hence the progress of the school was thorough and rapid.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee,

Mr. John C. Sanborn.

Summer term taught by Miss Clara M. Pike.

The school was always orderly, interested and studious. The teacher found continued delight in the pupils, and they in her;

so from beginning to end the school moved harmoniously. While visiting it, I could find little or no fault; nor could I suggest any new thing that I thought would be an improvement. Winter term taught by Mr. Henry W. Eldridge, of Kensington. I visited the school twice during the first two weeks, when all things appeared to be working favorably for the usefulness of the school. The testimony of those who saw it later was, that the term, though short, had been successful.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee,

Mr. N. H. Robie.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Fannie E. Tilton, of Derry. During the first four or five weeks of this term the school was disorderly; the pupils manifested little interest in their studies. Afterward, good order was restored and maintained to the end. The teacher, though possessing the requisite amount of book-knowledge, wanted the vigor to interest the scholars, and that tact which alone insures success. Throughout the term there was little progress apparent.

Winter term taught by Miss M. W. Lamprey, of North Hampton. Possessing abundant energy herself, she soon inspired the pupils with the same spirit. If I have one fault to find with her method, it was that she *helped* the scholars too much, *carrying* them; when I think, for the permanent good of the school, it would have been better to have encouraged them to overcome the difficulties by their own efforts. The general deportment of the school this term was good; the progress in the various branches of study good.

At the commencement of the summer terms, I introduced Guyot's Series of Geographies, in the place of half a dozen different kinds. Such a motley collection of text-books as has crept into the schools is a great hindrance. Half the teacher's

time is wasted when there are three or four different kinds of text-books used in what should be one class. There is a great need in the schools of a uniform and better series of Readers. Those now used are in many cases only stumbling blocks to the scholars. I found scholars reading in books where they had no more interest or understanding of the subject than if it had been the philosophy of Hegel. They saw no idea, so they merely fell over the words. No scholar can be taught to read well unless the thought of the subject is apprehended, as well as the words pronounced. The progress of the pupil in reading should not be reckoned so much by the number of BIG words he can pronounce, as by the degree he enters into the thought of the subject, and feelingly utters it. Don't hurry the children forward into *big* reading books; it retards their real progress. The progress of the pupil should be reckoned not by the amount he commits to memory and can automatically repeat if set agoing, but by the development of his reason and understanding. The times demand not so much scholastic parrots as practical thinking men and women. To this end the public schools, I think, should be more devoted, for this the teachers and books selected.

Statistical Table.

		District 1.		District 2.		District 3.	
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.	Summer.	Winter.
No. of weeks of school	13	9	10	13	8	10	17
Whole number of scholars . .	44	50	43	23	21	43	40
Whole number of scholars in town, 116.							
Average attendance	35	43	34	20	20	32	33
No. scholars not absent one-half day	8	14	7	7	3	3	1
No. visits by Prudential Com.			1		1	2	3
No. visits by Superintending Committee	4	1	2	4	2	7	5
No. visits by citizens and others	34	41	39	17	8	6	14
No. of instances of tardiness .	40	49	49	70		10	
Wages of teachers per month, including board	$30 00	$30 00	$30 00	$25 00	$30 00	$25 00	$25 30
Amount of money appropriated by Town, $550.00.							
Amount of money appropriated by Town for each Dist. .		$204 21		$148 24		$197 55	
Amount of Literary fund for each District		$7 78		$5 84		$7 78	

WM. A. CRAM,

Supt. School Committee.

Hampton Falls, Feb. 1870.